



CITY OF ROCKVILLE - DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & PARKS  
WOOTTONS MILL GARDEN PLOT PROGRAM – Rules and Guidelines 2016

- Each plot will be numbered with a small utility flag. If you plant in an incorrect plot, you must move to your assigned plot and replant.
- This is not a year-round garden program. Only annual plants are allowed, no perennial plants. All plant material must be removed at the end of season. Tall plants are not permitted in areas that will shade neighboring plots. Do not allow your plants to grow on fences between plots or out into the walkways between plots.
- If, at any time, you are unable to maintain your garden for any reason, you must return your plot number to the office. Doing so in a timely manner, will enable us to find another gardener to take over the plot before it becomes a problem. Plots not tended may be revoked at any time without refund.
- Weed Control: Ground cover such as black cloth or heavy dark plastic is highly suggested to assist in maintaining weed control. The ground cover must be secured to the earth with garden staples or a similar method. Do not use large rocks, bricks or large sticks. Newspaper ground cover is strictly prohibited. Remember whatever you bring into your plot must be removed at the end of the program.
- Be vigilant in keeping weeds pulled from the start, as it will make it easier to maintain throughout the entire garden season.
- Weeds and Plants: Be careful with your plot borders; you need to be sure that all weeds along your border are kept low. Do not allow your weeds to interfere with your neighboring plots. Do not plant items that will creep up the fence and block sun from neighboring plots. Do not plant tall plants along the edges of your lots. Sunflowers, corn and other tall plants need to be planted in the center of your plot. If you want to plant a lot of sunflower or corn, there are end plots available for that purpose. Do not place vine plants along the outer edges of your plots; they will interfere with neighboring plots. You will be asked to remove any plant that grows into a neighboring plot.
- Fencing: A high fence is recommended to keep deer and other animals out of your garden. If deer fencing is used above 3ft from the ground, City of Rockville Animal Control officers request that the mesh be at least  $\frac{3}{4}$ " square in diameter or more. Metal and plastic fencing may be used close to the ground.
- Watering: You must be present when watering your garden. Sprinkler systems are not allowed. No overnight water is allowed. All gardeners should have a splitter to attach to the water faucet. This will enable another gardener to water at the same time. If someone is waiting to use the faucet and you do not have a splitter, limit your water usage to 15 minutes.
- Chemicals: Use of chemicals/weed killers is allowed, but extreme caution is requested regarding neighboring plots.
- Gardening at your own risk. The City of Rockville does not assume responsibility for any loss or damage to personal property, plants or produce at the garden plot area. Should you observe illegal activities, theft, malicious damage, etc., please contact the City of Rockville Police at 240-314-8900.